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SUMMARY: SENIORPOLITICAL COMMITTEE(SPC) CONTINUED SEPT. 28
REVIEW OF U.S. DRAFT, CONCENTRATING
ON SECTION IV. SINCE AD HOC GROUP (AHG)-COUNCIL
RELATIONSHIP EXTENSIVELY ADDRESSED DURING PREVIOUS MEETINGS,
(REF C) PACE OF SECTION IV REVIEW CONSIDERABLY ACCELERATED.
ASIDE FROM ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE LANGUAGE ON AHG/COUNCIL
RELATIONSHIP, WEIGHT OF SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS CENTERED ON
PARA D OF U.S. DRAFT. BELGIAN AND DUTCH REPS AGAIN PROPOSED
MAJORITY OF AMENDMENTS AIMED AT INSURING THAT PLENARIES REMAIN
PRIMARY FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS; THAT THEY MEET AT REGULAR AND
FREQUENTINTERVALS; THAT ANY ONE ALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONVENE
PLENARIES, AND THAT PROCEDURES FOR CALLING PLENARIES APPEAR
FORMALLY IN WRITING. END SUMMARY.

1. REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING WAS FACILITATED BY FACT
THAT AHG-COUNCIL RELATIONSHIP HAD BEEN DEALT WITH
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DURING PREVIOUS DAY'S REVIEW OF SECTION V. DUTCH REP (SIZOO)
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PARAS A THROUGH CHAPEAU OF D WHICH WOULD
TIGHTEN LANGUAGE, DROP DUPLICATIVE REFERENCES TO AHG/COUNCIL
RELATIONSHIP, ANDENSURE THAT, NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES TO BE

FOLLOWED ARE THOSE WHICH WILL ACHIEVE ALLIED OBJECTIVES. PARA C IS THEREFORE ELIMINATED WITH FIRST SENTENCE INCORPORATED INTO NEW AND SHORTER CHAPEAU TO PARA D.

2. IN SUB-PARAS D1 THROUGH D4 DEBATE TURNED ON A) ELIMINATING REDUNDANT LANGUAGE DESCRIBING PLENARIES IN SUBPARA 1; B) WHETHER OR NOT TO SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF ALLIES ENTITLED TO CALL PLENARIES IN SUBPARA 2, AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR INSURING THAT WORKING GROUPS BE ESTABLISHED BY, AND REPORT BACK IN ALL CASES TO PLENARIES, ALSO ADDRESSED IN THIS SUB-PARA; C) INSURING THAT THE RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN EITHER BY EMISSARIES AND - OR THROUGH INFORMAL CONTACTS BE REPORTED BACK TO THE AHG (SUBPARAS 3 AND 4).

3. FOCUSING ON SUBPARA D1, SEVERAL REPS FOUND DIFFICULTY WITH TERMS "IDEAL", "BEST" AND "PRINCIPAL" TO CHARACTERIZE PLENARY MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY IN CONTEXT OF THE HEAVILY QUESTIONED PHRASE "TACTICAL AND STRATEGICE OBJECTIVES" AS SET FORTH IN THE THIRD SENTENCE. U.K. REP PROPOSED USING ORIGINAL BELGIAN FORMULATION OF "PAR EXCELLENCE," IN ENGLISH TEXT AS WELL, AVOIDING REFERENCE TO ANY STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES, AND CITING REVISED PARAGRAPH B (OBJECTIVE) AS THE METHOD FOR CAVEATING USE OF PLENARIES. U. K. LANGUAGE WILL BE INCORPORATED IN NEW TEXT.

4. CONTINUING ON SUB-PARA D1, AND TURNING TO NUMBER OF ALLIES REQUIRED TO CALL PLENARIES, U.S. REP NOTED THAT U.S. DRAFT'S SPECIFICATION OF FOUR ALLIES WAS DRAWN FROM FIRST BELGIAN PAPER (USNATO 3333), WHICH HE NOTED HAD DISAPPEARED IN REVISED BENELUX PAPER (USNATO 3396). BELGIAN REP WILLOT EXPLAINED THAT HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL COULD INCLUDE WARSAW PACT MEMBER (E.G., ROMANIA) AMONG THE FOUR. DUTCH REP NOTED THAT REVISED BENELUX LANGUAGE WAS AIMED AT DISPOOSING OF POTENTIAL DIFFICULTY OF SETTING NUMBERS; INSURING THAT ANY ONE ALLY COULD CALL A PLENARY; BUT AVOIDING A SITUATION WHEREBY THE SAME OPPORTUNITY WOULD APPLY TO THE EAST, ESPECIALLY
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ROMANIA. ITALIAN REP (SPINELLI) NOTED THAT HE WWAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO GO BEYOND "THREE". THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY GREEK REP BUT QUICKLY PROMPTED CANADIAN REP (MARSHALL) TO SAY THAT SPECIFICATION OF ANY MEMBER WAS POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS. CURRENT LANGUAGE SPECIFYING FOUR, AND NEW LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN TO ENABLE ONE ALLY TO CALL PLENARIES IF HER HAS SUPPORT FROM OTHERS, WILL BE BRACKETED IN NEW TEXT. ON FINAL POINT RE D1, BELGIAN REP NOTED THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC OR FORMAL PROCEDURES FOR CALLING PLENARIES, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN EXPLICIT FORMULATION TO THIS EFFECT IN THE TEXT.

5. REMAINDER OF PARAGRAPHS WERE ACCEPTED WITH MINOR, EDITORIAL CHANGES. ALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND BRACKETED ALTERNATIVES ARE NOW INCLUDED IN NEW INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT (ISD/54)

TRANSMITTED REF (D). AS NOTED IN REF (C), MISSION WILL SUBMIT
COMMENTS (SEPTTEL) ON NEW IS DRAFT.
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